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FOR SECRETARY, BEN READ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

E.O. 1165 GDS
TAGS: SOPN
SUBJ: LEAKS OF EMBASSY CABLES TO JACK ANDERSON

1. I HAVE REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY COMMENT ABOUT THE VARIOUS LEAKS OF SOME OF OUR CABLES TO JACK ANDERSON. THESE MESSAGES WERE GENERALLY OF LOW CLASSIFICATION AND OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE, AND I SUPPOSE IT IS SOME COMMENTARY ON ANDERSON'S JOURNALISTIC CREDENTIALS THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO REACH SO FAR FOR MATERIAL. ONE MESSAGE, OF COURSE, HAD A POTENTIAL FOR MY PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT SINCE IT HAS BEEN PLAYED (INCORRECTLY) IN THE TURKISH PRESS AS MY HAVING USED THE TERM "MINDLESS NATIONALISM" AS DESCRIPTIVE OF ECEVIT. LUCKILY THE TURKS HAVE WANTED TO PLAY THIS DOWN, TOO, SO PROBLEM HAS NOT GOTTEN OUT OF HAND ALTHOUGH IT CAN HARDLY BE HELPFUL TO MY MISSION HERE.

2. LATEST ARTICLE OF JUNE 18, HOWEVER, IS DIFFERENT MATTER, SINCE IT QUOTES FROM ECEVIT'S LETTER TO BREZHNEV, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE AND TRANSMITTED BY US IN A CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRET MESSAGE (ANKARA 2141). THIS CAN, OF COURSE, HAVE QUITE AN EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO GET SUCH INFORMATION FROM TURKS IN FUTURE. ALTHOUGH THIS FACT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO ANY ONE IN OUR BUSINESS, I THOUGHT I SHOULD DRAW YOUR SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

3. AT RISK OF SEEMING QUIXOTIC, I EXPRESS MY
HOPE THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SOURCES OF THESE
LEAKS WILL BE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY TO A SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION.
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